

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

WILMA HASTINGS, a single  
person,

Plaintiff,

v.

TARGET CORPORATION, a  
Minnesota corporation,

Defendant.

NO. CV-07-0007-LRS

ORDER RE STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
ORDER AND CONFIDENTIALITY  
AGREEMENT

**BEFORE THE COURT** is the parties' "Stipulated Protective Order  
and Confidentiality Agreement" (Ct. Rec. 4).

The court has developed concerns about entering protective  
orders that may result in the sealing of materials which do not  
justify that protection. Counsel represent that material  
disclosed in the course of this lawsuit may include confidential  
and proprietary information such as trade secrets, confidential  
research, development, or commercial information. Accepting that  
representation as true, to the extent either party concludes it is  
necessary to provide the court copies of any such materials to be  
considered in connection with issues coming before the court, such  
documents will be filed separately under seal with a courtesy copy

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1 sent to chambers. Otherwise, the court will not consider itself a  
2 party to the agreement negotiated by the parties<sup>1</sup>.

3 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed  
4 to forward copies of this Order to counsel for the parties.

5 DATED this 9th day of March, 2007.

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7 *s/Lonny R. Suko*

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LONNY R. SUKO  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup>Fed. R. Civ. P.26(c) provides for entry of a protective  
26 order in circumstances where the parties dispute that certain  
27 material is confidential, or if they agree it is confidential,  
28 cannot agree how it should be used in the litigation.